

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3, 10, 17-20 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method of electro-depositing an envelope of metal on a cathode comprising:

depositing said envelope on said cathode, said envelope including deposited metal on either side of said cathode joined along at least one edge by a frangible portion, and being removable from said cathode by rotation of respective sides of the deposited metal envelope about the frangible portion to separate the deposited metal from the cathode into two substantially equivalent sheets,

providing a groove on said cathode plate, depositing metal on and adjacent to said groove to form said frangible portion, and

wherein said groove is shaped such that a line of weakness is formed in the metal deposited within the groove such that separation of the two sheets of deposited metal is initiated along said line of weakness, and

wherein the sides of the groove are between 75 and 105° apart.

2. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the groove is shaped as a V, the line of weakness being formed within the arc of the V.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sides of the groove are 90° apart.

5. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the groove is shaped to allow deposition of metal directly adjacent the apex of the groove.

6. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the groove is shaped to permit deposited metal to substantially fill the entire groove.

7. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the groove is shaped to capture gas rising from below the cathode plate during deposition of metal.

8. (Currently Amended) A cathode plate for electro-deposition of an envelope of metal, said cathode plate having a groove along at least one edge and shaped such that, in use, a line of weakness is formed in the metal deposited within the groove, whereby during stripping of metal from said cathode, separation of the envelope of metal into two substantially equivalent sheets is initiated along said line of weakness, and

wherein the sides of the groove are between 75 and 105° apart.

9. (Previously presented) A cathode plate as claimed in claim 8, wherein the groove is shaped as a V, the line of weakness being formed within the arc of the V.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously presented) A cathode plate as claimed in claim 8, wherein the sides of the groove are 90° apart.

12. (Previously presented) A cathode plate as claimed claim 8, wherein the groove is shaped to allow deposition of metal directly adjacent the apex of the groove.

13. (Previously presented) A cathode plate as claimed claim 8, wherein the groove is shaped to permit deposited metal to substantially fill the entire groove.

14. (Previously presented) A cathode plate as claimed in claim 8, wherein the groove is shaped to capture gas rising from below the cathode plate during deposition of metal.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)